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REPORTED.

Union Men and Sympathizers Sent Away From Telluride By Members of Citizens' Alliance.

Telluride, Col., March 15.—One hundred members of the Citizens' Alliance, after a meeting, armed with rifles and revolvers, have scoured the town and taken into custody between 70 and 80 union men and sympathizers. In some instances doors of dwellings were forced and broken open. The men were herded in a vacant store room until all those desired had been captured, and they were then marched to the depot, and loaded into two coaches. As this special train departed the Citizens' Alliance fired volleys of shots into the air.

A RECORD BREAKER.

Chicago Visited By Snowstorm—Fall During Winter More Than Fifty-Seven Inches.

Chicago, Ills., March 15.—All records for snow in Chicago have been broken by the storm which began on Sunday and still continues. The total snowfall from the commencement of the storm, until 8 o'clock last night, when the weather bureau closed, was eight inches, which brought the total for the winter to 55.4 inches. It is estimated that the precipitation from 8 o'clock until midnight was two inches, carrying the total beyond the mark of 57.4 inches, which was the high record for the winter of 1892-3. The storm delayed traffic.

HAVE RUSSIAN SHIPS ELUDED THE JAPANESE?

Scouting Near Port Arthur Fails to Reveal Their Presence, and it is Believed They Are Now Attempting to Reach Vladivostok—Details of Last Naval Engagement.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, March 15.—It is strongly believed here that the Russian fleet abandoned Port Arthur after the fourth attack was made upon it by the Japanese fleet, and is endeavoring to reach Vladivostok. Confirmation of this movement is not obtainable from any reliable source, but recent scouting in the vicinity of Port Arthur has failed to reveal the presence of any Russian warships.

It seems logical enough that the Russians should attempt a dash for Vladivostok, where it is possible to dock larger ships, effect a junction with their armored cruisers squadron and secure a base for operations while procuring adequate land defense. The hopelessness of continuing at Port Arthur is manifest, while a dash for Vladivostok is believed by the Japanese to be the only chance of escape.

Vice-Admiral Togo is unwilling to run the risk of dividing his battleship squadron and continues to operate the six battleships together. If the Russians should make an attempt to reach Vladivostok it is believed they will try to dash through the Korean straits rather than enter the Japanese sea through the Tsugaru straits.

HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT.

Story of Encounter Between Russian Captain and Japanese Sailor.

Tokio, March 15.—A steamer bearing ten wounded and the bodies of the nine seamen, who were killed in the Port Arthur fight on March 10th, has reached Sasebo. The wounded and dead were chiefly participants in the battle between Japanese and Russian torpedo boats.

The survivors unite in praising the desperately heroic attack on the Russians, and tell a story of a sensational encounter between a Japanese sailor and a Russian destroyer. When the Japanese closed on the Russians, the sailor sprang aboard the Russian craft. Sailor and captain sprang at each other, but the seaman was the quicker of the two and felled the Russian officer by striking him on the head with a cutlass. The Russian endeavoring to rise, but the Japanese sailor kicked him overboard and he drowned.

The Japanese say there were twenty-two dead in two Russian destroyers. The report of the death of Engineer Minamimawa was premature. He is very low. The Japanese dead were landed at Sasebo and received full military honors. They were borne on gun carriages to the naval brigade headquarters.

FIGHT AT CLOSE QUARTERS.

Admiral Togo Tells of the Fourth Attack on Port Arthur by Japs.

Tokio, March 15.—Vice-Admiral Togo's report of the fourth attack on Port Arthur by the Japanese fleet on March 10th, which reached Tokio late Saturday, says:

"Our squadron, as prearranged, attacked the enemy at Port Arthur on March 10th. Our two flotillas attacked the mouth of the harbor at Port Arthur at 1 o'clock on the morning of the 10th. Finding no enemy, we waited until dawn; one flotilla engaged in sinking special mines in the harbor entrance. Notwithstanding the enemy's fire, our flotilla succeeded in sinking the mines."

"The other flotilla met the enemy's torpedo flotilla, consisting of six boats, in the Liao-Tsiao Shan channel, south of Port Arthur, at 4:50 o'clock. A hot engagement occurred at close range for 20 minutes. The enemy then took to flight. "Our fire greatly damaged the Russian ships, one of which was badly crippled by a shot through the boilers and another was observed to be on fire."

"So close were the two flotillas to each other that our destroyers, the Asashio Kasumi and Akatsuki, nearly touched the enemy's ships and our crews could hear the cries of agony of the injured men on board them. We sustained some damage and loss. The Akatsuki had a steam pipe broken and four stokers were killed thereby. Our losses were seven killed and eight wounded. Among the latter is Chief Engineer Minamimawa of the Kasumi."

"Our other flotilla, while leaving the harbor entrance, observed two Russian torpedo boats coming from seaward and immediately engaged them. The battle lasted one hour."

"After causing them some damage one of them effected its escape, but our destroyer, the Sasanami, captured the other boat, which proved to be the Steregushchii. Notwithstanding the large numbers pouring in a heavy fire on our flotilla, the captured vessel was taken in tow. Owing to the high sea the towline soon parted and the Sasanami found it necessary to take the crew from the Russian boat, which finally sank at 8 o'clock."

"The enemy's cruisers, the Novik and

Bayan, steamed out of the entrance of the harbor towards us, but observing the approach of our cruiser squadron, retired to the harbor. Our flotilla suffered some damage, but not heavy. The Sasanami and the Akatsuki had two sailors killed and sub-lieutenant of the Kikatsuki and three sailors were wounded."

"Our main and cruiser squadrons arrived off Port Arthur at 8 o'clock, and the cruisers immediately advanced toward the harbor entrance to protect the torpedo flotilla. The main squadron advanced near Liao-Tsiao Shan and opened an indirect cannonade against the inner harbor from 10 o'clock to 1:40."

"According to the observations made by one of our cruisers facing the entrance, the bombardment was remarkably effective. During our cannonade the enemy's land batteries fired, but none of our ships suffered any damage. Another cruiser squadron went to Takuwan and bombarded the enemy's fortresses, damaging the buildings therein."

"The cruisers Takasago and Chikuma reconsidered the west coast of the Port Arthur peninsula, but did not find the enemy. The Russian torpedo destroyer damaged in the third attack on Port Arthur was found to have been completely sunk, the mast only being visible above the water."

"Our squadron stopped fighting at 2 o'clock and returned to the rendezvous."

ALL QUIET.

No Further Fighting Reported From Port Arthur.

MOVING SOUTHWARD.

The Advance of Russians From Harbin Working Smoothly—Health of Troops Good.

Mukden, Manchuria, March 15.—(From a Russian correspondent of the Associated Press.) The advance of the Russian forces is working smoothly from Harbin southward. The running of passenger trains has been resumed, and Russian families are proceeding on their way to Europe without confusion. Severely cold weather, accompanied by blizzards and snowstorms, has been followed by a succession of fine days. The health and spirits of the troops are good.

Information was received at headquarters to the effect that the Japanese are strengthening their positions in Korea.

General Linovich, acting commander of the Russian forces in Manchuria, visited headquarters here on Sunday.

General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, arrived here on March 10th. Grand Duke Cyril arrived here to-day on his way to Port Arthur, where he is going to act as chief officer on the squadron flagship.

THE RUSSIAN TROOPS.

Dispatches Referring to Movements of Soldiers Will Not Be Published.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—The report from Newchwang that four Russian steamers have been sunk at the entrance to Port Arthur after the removal of the battleship Retvian is authoritatively denied here.

The Associated Press is assured that, with the exception of the dispatch of yesterday from Gen. Zilinski, no official telegrams containing news of fighting have been received in the last forty-eight hours. Several dispatches relative to the movement of troops have arrived, but as these were only of strategical importance their contents will not be made public.

FOR THE RUSSIANS.

Government Agents Have Closed a Deal for Five Thousand Tons of Barley.

San Francisco, March 14.—A deal for 5,000 tons of barley has been closed here with agents of the Russian government for the use of Russian troops in the field. Both Russian and Japanese agents have been negotiating in this market for some time.

M. KURINO'S MISSION.

Russians Anxious to Know Object of His Visit to Sweden.

New York, March 15.—A cable to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: "In view of the almost absurd warlike preparations of Sweden, which are known not to be in favor of Russia, people here are pointedly asking what was the nature of M. Kurino's mission to that country."

COLLIER ASHORE.

British Steamer Reported Aground Near Sasebo, Japan.

Nagasaki, March 15.—The British steamer Nigretina, with a cargo of coal on board for the Japanese government, is reported ashore near Sasebo.

JAPAN'S SEA FIGHTERS.

Togo and Kamimura, Commanders of Warships, Have Seen Service Before.

Admiral Count Togo, who commands the Japanese fleet operating in the waters around Port Arthur, struck the first blow on sea in the war with China in 1894. He was then a captain, commanding the Nautima, rated a second-class cruiser, but in reality a "converted" vessel, with the armor and a battery that would now be counted too heavy for her.

The Nautima was attacked off the Korean archipelago in July, 1894, by the Chinese cruiser Tai Yuan, but beat her off, with great damage to the Chinaman. On July 25th, the Nautima felt in with the British steamship Kowshing, chartered as a transport by the Chinese, and carrying troops and stores to Korea.



ADMIRAL TOGO.

Togo fired blank shots as a signal for the Kowshing to stop. The captain, the Kowshing obeyed, but when he was ordered by Togo to follow the Nautima, the Chinese officers on board compelled him to disobey. The Kowshing endeavored to put about and run away.

Capt. Togo signalled a warning for all Europeans to leave the ship, and after an interval discharged a torpedo at the Kowshing, also opening fire with two 10.2-inch and three 5.9-inch guns. The torpedo hit the Kowshing.

"The day became night," said Lieut. von Hanneken, a Prussian officer in the Chinese service, who was on board the Kowshing. "Pieces of coal, splinters jumped overboard. I did. Many of the crew reached land."

A report that Togo opened fire with his Maxim machine guns on the struggling Chinese in the water was disproved. It is true that he made no great efforts to save his enemies from drowning.

On the Nautima Capt. Togo took a brilliant part in the great battle of the Yalu river. His ship got a shell in her coal bunkers, which did no damage. Admiral Tsuboi complimented Togo on the gun practice of the Nautima in that engagement, which was highly effective, the little cruiser earning far more than her share of the victorious result. He was one of the popular heroes of Japan before the recent victory. "The Fighting Admiral" was Count Togo's nickname when he was called last October to succeed Vice-Admiral Tsuboi as commander of all the navy. He is a young man to be in so high a rank. He is one of the native Christians who have risen to high position. At least three Japanese captains in the engagement at Port Arthur are Christians.

Vice-Admiral Kamimura, Togo's second-in-command, commanded the Akitsushima at the battle of the Yalu, and gave a good account of himself then. He is respected as a thoroughly practical officer and an able organizer. He was sent as a captain to England to take command of the battleship Asahi upon her completion on the Clyde, but his orders were changed and he was detailed with the new rank of rear-admiral to remain and supervise the construction of other vessels of war. He was recalled to Japan three years ago.

A meeting of the contract-holders of the Dominion Co-operative Home Building Association (now the People's Loan & Deposit Co.) is called for Wednesday evening, March 16th, in the Pioneer hall, at 8 o'clock sharp. Mr. J. H. Macdonald, just here from Toronto, and who is one of the company's directors, will be present at the meeting.

ARRIVED AT LAST.

Schooner Antelope Reaches Port Townsend After Fifty-seven Days From Frisco.

(Special to the Times.)

Port Townsend, March 15.—After being given up for lost and her crew mourned as dead, the little schooner Antelope, of Astoria, Oregon, arrived here to-day, 57 days from San Francisco. The Antelope was bound to the Coquille river, Oregon, but was driven by gales far from her destination. The vessel was stripped of sails, her bowsprit and main-mast were broken and her ladder was empty when she arrived here. The Antelope is commanded by Captain D. W. Critchell, and has a crew of four men.

ONE BOAT MISSING.

More Than Twenty People Who Were Aboard the Aramo Not Yet Accounted For.

(Associated Press.)

Brisbane, Queensland, March 15.—All but one of the boats of the British steamer Aramo, which was wrecked on Sunday morning on the Break Sea spit, off Queensland, are safe. The missing boat, contained between 20 and 30 people.

COMING TO THE LAND OF PLENTY

IMMIGRATION FROM STATES CONTINUES

Man Lost His Way in Storm and Was Frozen to Death—Hotel Destroyed.

(Associated Press.)

Whitney, March 15.—The body of Samuel Wilson, aged 45, has been found seven miles south of the town. He lost his way in a storm and was frozen to death.

Zion Church.

The contract for the Zion church new edifice, to cost \$90,000, has been let.

Fire.

The Queen's hotel and stables at Rapid City, Man., have been destroyed by fire. The loss is \$2,500; no insurance.

Immigrants.

The rush of United States immigrants to Western Canada continues. The other day there were 250 cars of settlers' effects in the C. P. R. yards at Portland, N. D.

RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Important Ruling Regarding Telephone Connections With C. P. R. Stations.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 15.—The railway commission to-day gave judgment empowering the Port Arthur and Fort William Telephone Companies to connect with the C. P. R. stations, notwithstanding the contract the railway had with the Bell people, but compensation would require to be paid to the railway and Bell people for thus infringing upon the exclusive contract, which both entered into. Messrs. Bernier and Mills opposed compensation for damages, but as it was on a question of law, Mr. Blair, who gave judgment, was the one to decide.

The Debate.

In the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, R. L. Borden dealt largely with Mr. Blair's attitude to the Grand Trunk Pacific, and notwithstanding this, he said, the government appointed him to the railway commission. To-day J. G. Haggart resumed the debate.

New Justices.

Frank A. Anglin, K. C., of Toronto, and John Iddington, K. C., of Stratford, have been appointed justices of the new Exchequer court of Ontario. The position of Chief Justice has not been filled, although E. F. B. Johnson, K. C., of Toronto, has been mentioned in connection with it.

CANADIAN IRON BOUNTY.

Member Asks If Trade of United Kingdom Is to Be Protected

(Associated Press.)

London, March 15.—Asked in the House of Commons to-day if the government intended to take any steps to protect the iron trade of the United Kingdom against Canadian bounty competition, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Austen Chamberlain, said the abolition or modification of the Canadian bounties would be a subject for consideration when the fiscal and commercial relations between the United Kingdom and the Colonies came up for settlement.

SOLD SECRETS.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 15.—A telegram from Lemberg, forwarded by the Times correspondent at Vienna, says that Capt. Leontieff sold to a foreign power a list of the secret agents maintained by the Russian general staff in the frontier districts of Russia's western neighborhood. The discovery was made through the delivery of a money order to another person of the same name. Leontieff is reported to have been shot.

AN ARDUOUS TRIP THROUGH INTERIOR

A. S. GOING WAS SIX MONTHS ON SURVEY

Parties Representing Eastern Capitalists Seeking Locations Before the Transcontinental Line is Built.

After six months' exploration work in the northern part of British Columbia for the Grand Trunk Pacific railway line, A. S. Going, C. E., returned to Victoria yesterday. The task assigned to Mr. Going was a difficult one, and was also attended with no small danger, especially as it was done during the winter months. Mr. Going covered a distance of about 1,200 miles, and collected a vast fund of information. This is being compiled by him and put in shape to report to the divisional engineer, Mr. Van Arsdel.

With the main feature of the country, as prepared by Mr. Going in the possession of the engineering department of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the work of making a selection of a route and of actually surveying it will be simplified. It is probable that a number of smaller parties will be put in the field during the summer to complete the preliminary survey made by him this winter.

To Mr. Going was assigned the task of exploring the country between Hazelton and the Rocky Mountains in the direction of the Peace River Pass and in the direction of the Pine River Pass.

The Pacific coast approaches were assigned to others. The Yellow Head Pass route was carefully examined by the C.P.R. engineers years ago, so that now the Grand Trunk Pacific has in its possession accurate knowledge as to the various routes after passing through the mountains. A lot yet remains to be done in the way of detail before a route will be decided upon, it is believed, and this summer will likely see a large staff of engineers in the field making the necessary examinations preliminary to the final survey of the route.

Mr. Going has nothing to give out to the public respecting his trip from the standpoint of railway construction. That he reserves for the Grand Trunk Pacific, under whom he conducted the survey. He however described to a Times reporter some of the experiences he has had during the winter.

With Hazelton as a starting point Mr. Going went up the Skeena river, crossing to the headwaters of the Omineca, up the Peace river and the Parsnip to Fort McLeod. From this latter point he came back by way of Stuart and Babine lakes to Hazelton, and thence to Kitimaat, where he took the steamer to Victoria.

Through the mistake of an engineer who made a survey of the country up the Omineca and its tributary, the Osoiska, to the head waters of the Skeena, Mr. Going's party was forced to make 500 miles longer trip than otherwise would have been required. Engineer Going relied upon the distances given by him as correct, and proceeding on that had supplies sent forward to the Black Canyon on the Omineca river by October 15th. Had the country at the head of the Skeena and the Osoiska been such as were described and also the distances correctly noted his party would have reached these supplies sent in from Stewart lake on the date specified. So far out was the information furnished that he did not reach Black Canyon until November 14th, one month later than expected.

It was this which gave rise to the fears respecting him which reached this city. As soon as Mr. Going reached Stewart lake he sent a message forty miles to Fraser lake and dispatched a message to his wife in Victoria reporting all well.

The shortage of provisions before reaching the supply at Black Canyon gave the party considerable trouble. The game was not plentiful along that part. When a wooded clump was reached they were able to get a few grouse and rabbits, and thus, they augmented their otherwise scanty supply. From Fort McLeod no trouble was experienced in any way. Dogs were easily procured, and the trip made over the ice with little difficulty.

The country passed through is diversified in character. Along the Omineca and the Parsnip there is much placer gravel, and mining in a small scale is being carried on. Throughout a good part there are good grazing sections. Near the head of the Bulkley about one hundred miles from Hazelton, Wm. Kerr has a good stock of horses and cattle. There is abundance of summer grazing and also hay for winter feed. He has sixty-four head of cattle and horses stabled. The stock ran out in the open until January 6th. There are about half a dozen engaged in stock raising in that part of the province. At Stewart lake magnificent potatoes and vegetables are being raised. On the Parsnip river also they have raised excellent potatoes this year.

The temperature in the winter is very cold, but Mr. Going says it does not affect you the same as at the coast. He seldom put on an overcoat, and only for a few days wore a fur cap. As an example of the severity he tells of going up Babine lake with his party in canoes and the following morning ice had formed on the water sufficiently strong to bear a man's weight.

He found throughout the district vis-

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A TYPICAL OPPONENT

OF THE G. T. P.

Senator Macdonald makes the unimportant and altogether unnecessary announcement that he is opposed to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway scheme. The Senator declines to regard with favor any section of the vast enterprise, but he singles out the eastern portion of the new line as the special object of his antagonism. We assume that the Senator aims at maintaining the equilibrium of the great political party with which he is associated, as we have seen in the newspapers the views of men of about equal prominence in the same party who have proclaimed their undying hostility to the western section of the line. They claim that it will run through a country whose resources are not only entirely a matter of conjecture, but that the work of construction will be exceptionally difficult, costing at least three times as much per mile as the laying of the rails from the mountains to Moncton. They ask why the taxpayers of the East, who supply ninety-nine hundredths of the revenue, should be burdened with the cost of the construction of this western section, especially as it is admitted it will not pay for years after it is built. They appeal for substantiation of their position to the claims of officials of the C. P. R., who are reported to hold that their lines in this province have not been noted for the magnitude of dividends earned. Sweet harmony in a great political party begets confidence in the electorate, and for that reason, we suppose, Senator Macdonald thinks it is necessary that he should join forces with divers statesmen such as Premier McBride, Hon. Charles Wilson and Hon. R. F. Green, the only Conservatives on record in British Columbia as opposing the Grand Trunk Pacific, for the purpose of maintaining the balance against the other Tories in the East who would destroy the equilibrium by their opposition to the Western section of the road. Then we have leader Borden standing in the middle of the political teter with his scheme for the purchase of the portion of the C. P. R. running through a really barren country and connecting the productive section of Ontario with the fertile prairies, an alternative which implies want of confidence in the resources of either the East or the West, and which, if it were adopted, would undoubtedly assist in the settlement of the wheat belt in the prairies, but would leave Canada no broader than she is today, while the real necessities of the case demand a development line which will open up British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Eastern provinces. That is the policy the government is going to pursue, and which Parliament will adopt despite the opposition of Senator Macdonald. The Senator will no doubt oppose the Grand Trunk Pacific enterprise, as he opposed the all-Canadian line to the Yukon, and, in point of fact, everything proposed by the present government for the benefit of British Columbia. He succeeded in the case of the Yukon railway because there was a majority of Tories in the Senate to support his motion. But the situation is changed now. The government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has a good majority in the upper chamber and a very large majority in the lower. The contract for the construction of the new transcontinental railway line will be endorsed by a very large majority. The power to throttle enterprise rather than permit the consequent prosperity to add to the prestige that has attended every movement of the Laurier government has passed from the Conservative party and the Senator from this province whom it made its tool. No one familiar with the record Senator Macdonald has made since the year 1894 will be surprised at his announcement that he will oppose the amendments to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Bill.

TROUT FISHING.

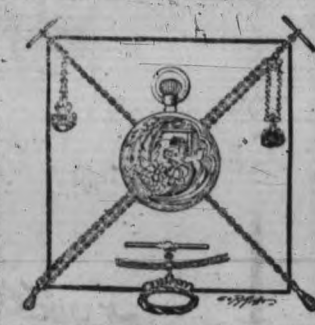
At the last session of the Legislature the government, notwithstanding the fact that the eminent legal talents of the Attorney-General, the Premier, the President of the Council, and of Bowser, were at its service, permitted the laws governing the taking of trout to be tampered with. The ministers surely should have been familiar with recent decisions of the Privy Council and with the attempts of other provinces to arrive at some arrangement with the Dominion government, in which the power of regulation exclusively rests, whereby the preservation of game fish could be secured. But the talent was under a cloud when the Legislature was assembled for business and it permitted the insertion in an act ostensibly framed for the protection of deer of a provision governing the taking of trout. The consequence is dire confusion in the minds of the anglers and yet desire above all things to comply to the letter with the provisions of the law.

There can be no question whatever about the fact that the Legislature exceeded its powers when it undertook to regulate the seasons for the taking of trout and the size of the fish that shall be retained. But we understand the provincial police have been instructed to proceed against those who may offend against the statute of questionable validity, and the onus of proving in the courts the incompetence of the Legislature might be a serious undertaking for a man none too liberally endowed with worldly goods and with an ardent fisherman. Under the circumstances we must decline to offer advice. In another part of this paper the relative rights of the federal and of the provincial authorities are set forth for the enlightenment of sportsmen. We shall content ourselves with the citation of some authorities in addition to those there given, leaving everyone to acquaint himself with the facts and be governed by his own judgment.

It is very well known in Canada that Ontario has been the principal opponent of the Dominion in the great and prolonged battle for provincial rights. That province has been chiefly instrumental in securing authoritative pronouncements upon the limits of the jurisdiction of provincial governments. It was inevitable after the confederation bargain was made that there should be considerable diversity of opinion among authorities as to the exact boundary line in many matters affecting the interests of the Dominion and the provinces. The question of the control of the fisheries was one of the matters in regard to which there was some doubt. The common sense view would perhaps be that the provinces should be permitted to make all regulations governing inland waters. We believe in the light of recent experience the Fathers of Confederation should have seen that such a provision was made in the confederation act. But such was no done, according to the decisions of the Privy Council. Commenting upon the terms of an act passed in Ontario in 1890 purporting to regulate the fisheries of the province, Hon. David Mills, at that time Minister of Justice, said: "The undersigned apprehends that it is now well understood that a provincial legislature has no right to regulate the time or the modes of fishing and that provincial enactments affecting these matters must be ultra vires." Referring in 1900 to an act passed by the same province, the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries takes the stand that "under the decision of the Privy Council the exclusive privilege to make regulations is vested in them (the Marine and Fisheries Department), and there is no co-ordinate provincial power, nor any power in the local government to authorize interference with the regulations made by this department."

In regard to the minimum size of fish allowed to be taken, the power to regulate is clearly vested in the Dominion, and not in the provincial authorities," etc. In bowing to the judgment of the Privy Council Hon. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario, made some comments in his report to the Dominion government, which seem to be justified. He said: "The undersigned desires to add in this connection that the limited authority conceded to the provincial legislatures by the British North America Act, as interpreted by the Privy Council, is entirely inadequate for the proper protection of the fisheries of the province. So long as the Dominion government is prepared to pass proper regulations for the protection of fish in the waters of the province, no harm may arise, but the undersigned is of the opinion that as the proprietary right in the fish, by the judgment of the Privy Council, is vested in the province, the province should have all the power necessary to protect its own property, even to the extent of defining the season for fishing in the waters of the province and limiting the quantity of fish taken and the mode of taking the same, as the Legislature of the province may deem expedient. In the opinion of the undersigned it would therefore be desirable that steps be taken by conference with the Dominion government, to secure the amendment of the British North America Act extending the powers of the province in the direction here indicated." A few months ago we noted that the province of Ontario and the Dominion had come together for the purpose of reaching such an agreement as would effectually accomplish the purpose desired by Mr. Ross, that some of the other provinces

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were joining in the movement, and that it would be a judicious thing for the McBride government to participate. But McBride and Wilson had other matters in their mind. Perhaps they are going to take another "dignified stand" upon provincial rights, defy the Dominion to interfere with their fisheries, and prosecute all who break a law which is no law.

A WONDROUS CHANGE!

Senator W. J. Macdonald sneers at the business acumen displayed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the negotiations for the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway to the coast. He cites the fact that the company has been compelled to appear before Parliament and ask for amendments to its Act as proof of the incompetence of the Premier to undertake such an important matter.

If the Senator were quite sane on political questions he would realize, as everyone of unbiased mind does, that the fact that Mr. Hays has been compelled to come back and ask for modifications in the Act is the very strongest substantiation of the claim that the interests of Canada have been most effectively safeguarded by Sir Wilfrid.

The Senator and his friends in the East were of an altogether different opinion when the bill was introduced. Then all was in favor of the company. It was being treated so generously that a great scandal was bound to develop. The real development is that the country's side of the bargain was so skillfully managed that capitalists could not be induced to put their money into the scheme.

But we must allow the Senator great latitude of mind in the frying circumstances in which he now finds himself. The persistence of the Liberals in retaining power long after every good Tory had made up his mind that the anger of the political gods had been appeased and that the time had come for the faithful to again enter into their reward must be held to account for many peculiar twists. As for example: Senator Macdonald is opposed to Oriental labor! At least we must assume that he is, because he fears Chinamen may be employed on the Grand Trunk Pacific! How the Senator's heart must rejoice as he reads the announcement that not a single Mongolian has come into British Columbia since the exclusion act passed by the Laurier government came into force. The prediction that the Oriental population of the province must constantly decrease by reason of the emigration that is going on must cause the blood of the hon. gentleman to course wildly through his veins as he reflects upon the fact that one of the dreams of his life is about to be realized—the competition of the Oriental with the white is about to be eliminated forever! In the meantime we can assure the Senator that he need be under no misgivings. The objects of his life-long antipathy and personal antagonism will not be employed upon the Grand Trunk Pacific. The government which made the contract with the Grand Trunk will not follow the precedent set by its predecessor, of which the Senator was a strong supporter, and permit a second Onderdonk to bring in ship loads of Chinamen for the purpose of enabling him to carry out his contract as cheaply as possible.

THE GAMB CLUB.

To the Editor:—The Gamb Club has no doubt attempted to do some excellent work since its existence. If the membership is to be increased it would be well to discontinue trying to give the club a political color. It would also encourage other persons to join if certain individuals would be less prominent. Two or three of the members have been trying to run everything, and it would be more "manly" to suppress themselves, and then the club may expect an increase of membership.

CANADIAN.

Victoria, B. C., March 15th, 1904.

"SOLDIERS, SAILORS, TOO."

Walpole speaks of a man and his price, List to a ditty queer, The fate of a deputy-acting-vice-president engineer.

Bought like a bullock, hoofs and hide, By the little tin gods on the mountain side. —Kipling.

To the Editor:—What a dear creature your correspondent "Sailor" must be. It is quite touching to see such gratitude in this world. I am sure Mr. Beyrau must feel three inches taller to think that there is one person left in this planet who can be thankful for favors received—and look for more.

In spite of his very evident desire to please, "Sailor" scarcely speaks the truth; it is the exception rather than the rule for sailors to be admitted at reduced prices to any entertainment, etc. In England, as for railway fares, we only enjoy the same privilege as all other public servants.

Another thing "Sailor" forgets is that in England a bluejacket's social position is not below that of a Chinaman, as it very evidently is in this fair city of Victoria.

As the proof of the pudding is in the eating, would Mr. Beyrau let us know how many 25c tickets were sold? I have read somewhere that a Yankee policeman could be bought for a few dollars, but it is the first time I knew a British blue would sell his independence for two bits.

MATLO.
P. S.—Would Mr. Beyrau buy "Sailor" a child's picture book? Something like this would do:

8 stands for sailor, who was always so good, And sail-lammed to his betters as all sailors should. But they won't.

THE LITTLE BROWN MAN IN THE EAST.

A Cartoon in Verse, by David Dalziel.

There's a little brown man in the East Who has ris like a jarful of yeast, And he says with great fan, As he cleans out his gun, "A bear will make a good feast."

So he goes to the north-west coast, Where the bear was reported to rest—"To the fair Chemulpo With my sword I will go, And plunge it right into his breast."

The Bear has one paw in Korea, The other in China. To free a Small people from Bruin And ultimate ruin The Jap has a mighty idea.

So he gathers his cruisers and troops, And lines them in order. What dupe The Koreans must be, Why, can they not see That hoops can be found within hoops?

It is not in our nature I doubt, To suffer for others for now; So the little brown wight Who is anxious to fight Must indeed have some scheme to work out.

This little brown man in the East, Who has ris like a jarful of yeast, May find when he goes In the front of his foes That the Bear may have the good feast. Pavilion Mills, B. C., March 12th, 1904.

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HAROLD BAUER.

Seats for Concert by Him Will Be on Sale Saturday.

Seats for the concert to be given at the Victoria theatre on March 22nd by Harold Bauer, the noted piano virtuoso, will be on sale at M. W. Waitt & Co.'s store, Government street, on Saturday next. There will be a large audience at the recital there is no doubt, in view of Mr. Bauer's pre-eminence in the world of music. The following criticism in the San Francisco Chronicle of recent date may be taken as a specimen of the laudatory notices received by the pianist from all the great dailies:

Without reservation, San Francisco, after hearing Harold Bauer last evening in Lyric hall, can give its heartiest approval of the unqualified praise the remainder of the world has been according him these several years past. He is all that the most enthusiastic have claimed for him—a thorough master of the piano-forte. Consummate art, a temperament that permits him to live over every thought, every impulse of the world's greatest composers, a great, sympathetic intelligence and a surmounting of all technical difficulties, places Bauer among the first of the world's greatest pianists. He is absolutely without affectation, and rare sincerity marks his every performance. Although he has individually in a marked degree, one cannot but feel that Bauer is reminiscent of the great Paderewski, the man who turned his career from that of a violinist that he might take his place among the greatest interpreters of the piano. Bauer has worked out his own interpretations, but he got something from his time of study with Paderewski that he will always retain. No pianist outside of these two men ever gave tones such wondrous color. For them the piano sings. Without disloyalty to Paderewski, the poet of the piano-forte, honesty compels the statement that in some ways Bauer is the greatest artist; he has more vivacity and is more even in his art. From Schumann to Chopin and on to Liszt, Bauer's performances are equally good.

Those who attended the concert in the Victoria theatre last night in aid of Mr. Peatt, of the tramway service, who was injured in the bridge accident, enjoyed a thorough treat. The Sons of England, under whose auspices the entertainment took place, are to be congratulated on the excellence of the programme provided. Col. Prior capably filled the office of chairman, and opened the programme with some appropriate remarks on the worthy object of the concert. With one exception, the absence of Mr. Ives owing to indisposition, the programme as published was adhered to. The performers included the best of the city can offer in vocalists, instrumentalists and elocutionists, who acquitted themselves most creditably, and the liberal applause with which their efforts were greeted was testimony to the appreciation of the audience.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH.

Father and His Three Children Unable to Escape From Burning House.

Rogers, Ark., March 14.—Fernando Walters and his three children—Claude, aged 14, Gerlie, 12 and Melvin, 10—were burned to death in the destruction of their home, fourteen miles north of here, near Garfield. A brother of Mrs. Walters, aged 15 years, was so seriously burned that death is expected hourly.

The fire was started by a spark from an open fireplace. The father, mother and four children slept downstairs. Upstairs were four boys. Walters got those downstairs out in safety, and then rushed back to warn the boys. Unknown to him, Gerlie followed Walters upstairs through the smoke and flames and went to a room where she kept her dolls. The boys attempted to descend the stairs, but the flames drove them back. Two jumped from the windows and were unhurt. The last thing they heard was Melvin, the youngest boy, begging his father to jump first. Just then the roof fell in, killing Walters, Melvin, Claude and Gerlie.

—This evening a meeting of the Fish and Game club will be held at the Victoria Tourist Association rooms. Important business will be discussed and a large attendance is requested.

EXCELLENT CONCERT

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The committee who had charge of the arrangements wish to thank the following ladies and gentlemen for the ready and willing help they so generously gave: Mr. Boscowitz, for the Victoria theatre; A. T. Goward, of the B. C. Electric Railway, for the light and advertising on the case; the Times and Colonist, for advertising; Messrs. Cusack, Chas. F. Banfield and Messrs. Greenwood & Foster, for window cards, tickets and dodgers; Herbert Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks, Miss McAlpine, Miss E. Sehl, William Hicks and E. Fawcett, for musical selection; Miss Maude Underhill, for elocution; Messrs. A. and Jesse Longfield, for accompaniments, etc.; and the ushers for their kind help, and also the army of ticket sellers who did their work so nobly. A full report of the accounts will be published as soon as all the accounts are in the hands of the committee.

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Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1896, Chapter 92, and the Statutes of Canada, 52 Victoria, Chapter 12, the undersigned by petition dated this day have applied to the Governor in Council for approval of the area plan and site and the reclamation of certain foreshore and submerged lands adjoining or abutting on Lots 2, 3, 4 and 6, Block "A," Harbor Estate, Victoria, B. C. A plan of the said proposed works and a description by metes and bounds of the foreshore and submerged lands to be reclaimed has been deposited with the Minister of Public Works, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C. Victoria, B. C., 17th February, 1904. JOHN LEWELLYN LEIGH, SHERIFF MINTON LEIGH.

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City News in Brief.

—Good dry cordwood at Johns Bros., 259 Douglas street.

—Rev. J. P. Westman conducted the services this afternoon in connection with the funeral of the infant son of Mr. Matthews, of Burnside road.

—Columbia Royal Arch Chapter will hold an emergency meeting in the Temple building this evening. The regular session of Vancouver-Quadra lodge will be held to-morrow night.

—Fresh finnan haddock and salmon bellies, fine kippered salmon, mackerel and all kinds of canned fish at Erskine's grocery, corner Johnston and Quadra street. Telephone, 106.

—Fire, Life, Marine Accident Agency, The Liverpool and London & Globe (Fire) Insurance Company, The Travelers' Life & Accident Insurance Company, The St. Paul (Marine) Insurance Company Lloyd's Underwriters, London; Atlantic S. S. Tickets, Office Wellington coal. Hall, Gospel & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 83.

—The secretary-treasurer of the "Warrent-Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants' Club," Work Point, is in receipt of an invitation to the club members and their lady friends to a social at the drill hall on Thursday, 17th inst., 8 to 12 p.m. The social, which is being given by the sergeants' mess, Fifth Regiment, C. A. will, without doubt, be largely attended.

—A women's missionary society was organized in Strawberry Vale church yesterday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. (Rev.) T. H. Wright; vice-president, Mrs. James Turner; secretary, Mrs. Ethridge; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. H. Allison; treasurer, Mrs. D. Lehman. Interesting readings on missionary work were given by Mrs. F. Adams and Miss Sherlock.

—The concert and social under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, on Monday evening, was an unqualified success. The following took part: Soloists, Misses McKenzie, King and McCoy, and Mr. Forester. Rev. Mr. Ewing gave an interesting reading from the "Bonnie Brier Bush," and Major Bamister a recitation. Mrs. L. Hall was accompanist. Light refreshments were afterwards served.

—A pioneer clergyman of this province passed away at Ailbury, Guildford, England, on February 19th, in the person of Rev. Robert James Dundas, the first rector of St. John's church in this city. He was here in 1859, and officiated at the laying of the corner stone of St. John's by Sir James Douglas in May, 1860. He left Victoria in 1864, and was rector of Ailbury when he died. The announcement of his demise appears in the London Times.

—At last evening's regular meeting of Queen Alexandra Hivie, Ladies of the Macabees, Mrs. H. Rogers was appointed past lady commander. Miss Cook, R. K., read a communication from Mrs. Hollister, supreme commander, complimenting the hives on the assiduous manner in which they are preparing for the next grand rally. Deputy Mrs. Spoford, who was in attendance, stated that she would be present at the state convention of Washington, which is to be held at Everett on March 24th. The record keeper was authorized to convey the greetings of Alexandra Hivie to the convention. Lady Commander Mrs. Harris, who presided at the meeting, gave an interesting report of the work carried on by the hive at Skagway.

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—The wood sawing by-law, fathered by Ald. Vincent, was finally passed at last night's meeting of the city council. It will now become law. Its provisions were given in the Times a short time ago.

—This evening's gallery practice shoot for the prize presented by Lieut. Colonel Hall will be between No. 1 section of No. 1 company and No. 8 section of No. 1 company. The men are displaying marked interest in these events.

—Yesterday afternoon Mr. Clare St. George Yarwood, of Dawson, and Miss Helena Anderson, of this city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the ceremony being conducted by Rev. D. MacLennan. The wedding took place at the residence of Mr. George Wood, Springfield avenue.

—The postponed social of the Royal Templars will be held in their rooms, A. O. U. W. hall, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. An interesting programme will be presented during the evening and refreshments served. The executive extended a cordial invitation to the public to be present.

—We makes homes cosy because its our business to do so! There is a time of year when there exists a desire in every home-loving woman to freshen the surroundings. Let us show you what we can do for you in this direction. "Weiler Bros., complete house furnishers, Government street.

—A "microscope social" will be held at an early date in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association. It is the intention to secure, if possible, a number of these magnifying glasses together with an X ray, in order to initiate those who attend into some of the mysteries of science. A brief programme will also be provided. Refreshments will also be served.

—This evening a social will be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock, and a brief musical programme rendered. Games of different kinds will then be indulged in. All who attend are asked to go provided with pencils, as it is the intention to introduce a conundrum competition. Refreshments will be served by the ladies during the evening. A pleasant time is assured all attending.

—Overheard on Yates street that if I had your strong legs, stout heart, and excellent figure, I would feel very much inclined to invest in one of those nice bottles displayed in Mr. Carney's grocery store window. It is sufficient to bring tears to the eyes and bumps to the throat with vexation at being so near and yet so far away.

Oh whiskey, you are the devil,
You've led me far astray,
Over hills and over valleys,
Until I'm far away.

The music on application at the store; a dollar per copy.

—Lemon & Gonnans, proprietors of a planing mill and sash and door factory in the upper harbor, are making extensive improvements to their plant. A new sawmill is in course of erection which will have a capacity for 20,000 feet of lumber a day. The building will be located on the waterfront, and its dimensions will be 130 by 40 feet. It will be equipped with new machinery. Bolts 60x20 will be supplied by B. R. Seabrook, Wharf street. The firm are making improvements in order to better to compete with the growing demands of their business. They hope to have their new plant running in June next.

—Yesterday afternoon the regular meeting of the Women's Council was held at the city hall. There was a large attendance and important business was considered. Mrs. Jenkins signified her willingness to take over the duties of recording secretary, owing to the retirement of Mrs. Gordon Grant. Progress was reported by the standing committees having in hand the investigation of matters recommended at the annual meeting. Instructions were given the recording secretary to prepare a number of lists of the industries of Victoria for circulation through affiliated societies. This step was taken to assist in the promotion of the consumption by Victorians of home products. The committee having in hand the revision of the price list of the women's department of the B. C. Agricultural Association reported that the work was almost completed, and would be forwarded to Secretary Swinerton as soon as ready. Mrs. Cummings, secretary of the National Council, wrote suggesting that the annual meeting be held at Winnipeg in October instead of September. This was not approved. The meeting shortly after adjourned.

—Hear T. W. Brown lecture on Socialism, A. O. U. W. hall, Thursday, 17th inst., 8 p.m. Tickets 10c. and 25c.

—A meeting of the directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital will be held at the board of trade meeting at 8 o'clock on Thursday, March 17th.

—The annual meeting of No. 3 company association, Fifth Regiment, will be held in the men's room after drill to-morrow night. As the business is important every member is expected to attend.

—The strike amongst the hens has been declared off, and strictly fresh eggs are now being sold by Erskine's grocery, at 25 cents per dozen, also the creamery butter, Delta or Comox, at 35 cents per pound. Telephone, 106.

—A social will be given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. this evening. A short programme has been prepared, and refreshments will be served. Games also will be played. All members and friends will be welcomed.

—The special evangelistic services in Centennial Methodist church are being continued each evening of this week. The attendance is increasing, and the interest is growing rapidly. Rev. Dr. Osterhout will speak this evening. The pastor is in charge of the services. The public are invited.

—Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee and party of nine Spanish-American war nurses, who were left here on the steamer Iru Maru, but were detained on the journey overland, have arrived at Seattle. They will embark for Japan on the steamer Shawmut sailing for the Orient two weeks hence.

—Last evening a meeting of the Bricklayers' Union was held when the question of making an appropriation to be devoted to the furnishing of one of the Strathcona wing wards of the Jubilee hospital was discussed. The matter was laid over until the next meeting. Other business of importance was considered.

—The Tyece smelter returns for February are certainly very gratifying. The establishment ran 25 days in that month and treated 5,392 tons of Tyece ore. After deducting refining charges and freight this shows a return of \$60,000. The showing is a splendid one, and a marked commentary on the increasing progress made by both mine and smelter.

MILLINERY FASHIONS AT SPENCER'S ARCADE

What Will Be Style During the Spring
—Some Pointers for the Ladies.

The proprietors of the dry goods establishments have evidently pressed into service as an auxiliary the weather clerk. The day is ideal for the grand spring millinery opening, and the ladies are out in force. A Times reporter, after spending a few hours over the latest fashion journal in order to be conversant with technicalities, strolled into Spencer's Arcade to-day and inspected the imposing display of spring millinery there.

The millinery shapes which will be fashionable during this spring and summer mostly have their origin during the time of Louis XV. Of course they have been modified to meet the requirements of modern taste and custom. The "Babe" hat with its frills of lace or tulle, the large "Tricorne" hat with its irregular form, the graceful and becoming "Shepherdess" hat with its wreath of pompadour and colored ribbons, and flowers, and the more practical tuck-in, can all trace their origin to that period of fashion. White lace, black lace, tulle combined with straw or laid in folds, and the new straw bonnet in white, champagne, ecru, blue and black are the materials mostly used.

The dainty Watteau-like simplicity is a leading note. We see wreaths tied with tiny velvet bows, encircling the quaintly shaped crowns or the drooping picturesque brims that are their features of the chapeau du moment.

A charming instance of this Watteau style is the full veil of ivory burano lace, which, to be correct, may be arranged to reach only behind the eye and bunched up to nothing at the sides, so that it somehow suggests a frivolous and remotely adjusted loop before it meanders into a drape veil behind. Another exquisite black hat has a veil of black chantilly even longer than the white one described before.

Another lovely spring arrival here is the colored crepe on the black brim, though mere printers' ink cannot render the charm in actuality—picture the brim entirely composed of transparent black lace drooping from the edge with an artistic distinction that seems borrowed from "Romney's Ladies" and surmounted by the "pinned" and elegantly draped back to front crown carried out in pink tulle swathed with pink ribbon not banded, with a formal wreath of roses of the same sweet old world shade tied with satin bow.

Regarding toques, they are "Cela va sans dire," even narrower than our fur ones have been of late. Variegated straw is to be quite the vogue. Those at Spencer's are the very new expression. The very popular ocean coloring; the greens, blues and mauves being a thought paler than last seasons, and so welded together as to form large rosettes in a perfect mass of delicate tones.

Another new and modestly quaint whim is a very charming roundabout hat made by Spencer's head artist. The chapeau is carried out in dead white straw, red and white currants being tucked under the brim, and a shawl pattern scarf bow in its own colorings its final adornment.

Costumes. Viole is the most popular material for this spring. For the after Easter society functions many beautiful toilets are in course of preparation in the dressmaking parlors.

In the ready-to-wear department, costumes of great variety are shown. Eaton jackets are in high favor. The jacket which hangs from the shoulder, a sort of coffee jacket, or bolero, is shown in some of the high-class suits.

The belted Eaton is shown in some of the elaborate tailor suits. In some cases this style has the belts entirely from the front. Quite a few of the costumes show shirring around the hips.

THE WESTSIDE HAS ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY

Big Store Has Been Altered and Presents Fine Appearance—Thronged With Fair Customers.

To-day was Ladies' Day at The Westside, and a large number of the fair sex took occasion to acquaint themselves with the latest ideas in the millinery world, besides being enabled to admire the new goods which are tastefully displayed in every department for the first time. It was a very brilliant scene at this large dry goods store to-day, when the Times reporter arrived there. In the first place the store has been thoroughly cleaned and painted, aisles widened, fixtures and cases cut down, the spacious showroom on the second floor has been painted, and the walls and ceilings have been covered with a handsome green wallpaper, beautifully tinted.

The aisles of the first floor and the large showroom on the second floor were thronged with ladies, indicating that the devotees of fashion in this fair city appreciate the importance of this annual event at The Westside.

The manager of the millinery department says that there are in reality but three shapes which are likely to survive the entire season. Of course there are various modifications of these shapes, the turban, the tricorne and the picture, particularly the latter.

The flation turban, whether set on the head straight or lifted at one side, will be used for the most elaborate "confections." One of the most imported models is shown by The Westside, made of military blue silk mulline and dark green novelty straw, handsomely trimmed at side and back with two clusters of gold-tinted fruit and foliage, caught faintly at the front with a gold Parisian buckle.

The "tricorne," which is becoming to many kinds of faces, will be worn in moderate and large sizes. "The military tricorne" is another Paris "confection" imported by The Westside, and is made in white and gold straw novelty braid, richly trimmed with heavy white aigrettes, with two flat military rosettes at front and back, in white with gold centres.

Another important importation by The Westside is the new picture hat, which is made of white lace and pale blue straw, trimmed at side with feather of dark green velvet baby ribbon, under which nestles small pink button roses. The moderate crowned Gainsborough and the low crowned shepherdess will be equally stylish.

Space will not permit a further comment on the elaborate models that have been imported by The Westside for this season.

A few words of praise are due the other departments, the various heads of which must have been unceasing in their efforts to display their goods. Counters, showcases and overhead fixtures glitter in all directions with newness and novelty.

The Cook case was yesterday adjourned until Thursday.

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HANDBALL.

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Last evening the first game in the J. B. A. A. handball tournament under the new rules was played between D. Jones and W. Jones and J. Hunter and B. Powers. After a hard game the former couple won by a score of 21-11, 21-5. Ben. Pettigall acted as referee.

THE KING.

ARRANGING CONTEST.

An effort is being made to arrange a contest between Jeffs, who holds the amateur lightweight championship of British Columbia, and Gr. Sam. Davis, of World Point, to take place, probably at the A. O. U. W. hall, at an early date.

It is understood that Gr. Davis is anxious to meet the local champion. Previous to leaving the East he met some of the best amateur pugilists of Halifax, and in every case was victorious. According to those who witnessed these contests Davis is exceedingly clever with the gloves. He is fast and aggressive.

DAVIS V. NEILLINGS.

A contest will take place at Work Point Barracks in the near future between Grs. Davis and Neillings. It will be a ten-round exhibition for the division championship. After this contest Gr. Davis states he will be open to fight any amateur lightweight upon conditions agreeable to both contestants.

BASEBALL.

CHASE WILL PLAY HERE.

Word was received last evening from Chase stating that he would again play here this season. This, no doubt, will be favorable news to the fans, as Chase was a prime favorite here last season. There is a possibility also of the club securing McKune, the Santa Clara College catcher, who is strongly recommended by Chase. Should he be secured, the team, with Chase and Ziegler and the local players, will make the strongest nine that Victoria has placed in the field. Chase and Ziegler will arrive here during the latter part of next month, and the first game will be played on May 7th.

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ATHLETICS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

In its account of the annual meeting of the N. F. A. A., the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, after mentioning that the meeting is to be held at Vancouver and giving the officers elected, all of which was contained in a special to the Times yesterday, says:

"The meet last year was held in Victoria and was a very successful one. Multnomah took first honors, but Spokane made such a good showing that they were recommended with this year. It has not been fully decided that Seattle will be represented in the games this year, but a rattling good team could be put together on short notice from the material at hand. With Seattle taking an active interest, the success of the meet would be assured, for then the field would be large enough to make the result uncertain."

"The association will send a team of picked athletes to take part in the Olympic games at the St. Louis exposition, and the fact that the men who make the best showing in the coming meet will likely be chosen to go to St. Louis will add an incentive to good work."

"A determined effort will be made this year to revive the declining interest in field sports, and the Seattle Athletic Club may put a team in the field for the first time in recent years. Multnomah always turns out a good team; Spokane is taking a healthy interest, while Victoria and Vancouver can be depended upon to make a good showing."

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committee of the James Bay Athletic Association will be held at the club rooms this evening. Important business will be considered and all members are asked to attend.

LACROSSE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

To-morrow evening the annual meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club will be held in the York County Insurance rooms, above the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company's office. The report of the past year will be submitted by J. Mellis, secretary-treasurer, and, if it is decided to organize again this season, officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

Unless members of the different athletic associations and the business men of the city show their interest in the club by being present and encouraging the boys in the effort to rid themselves of the debt with which they are encumbered, it will be impossible to reorganize. The treasurer's report will show the club to be something like \$327.50 behind. Of this deficit \$98 was incurred in 1902 and \$239.25 last year. Most of this is owing to J. H. Todd for the lease of the Caledonia grounds, there being only \$42.25 due other persons about the city.

At the reorganization meeting held early last year it was found that the club had gone behind during 1902 to the extent mentioned. It was then thought that had been an exceptionally poor year and that the succeeding one (last season) would enable the association to pay off this deficit. Instead of this, however, the club went behind to a still greater extent. It is therefore impossible for the club to go ahead this year without some assurance of being able to pay off the whole deficit.

Under these circumstances it is hoped that all who are interested in maintaining the Canadian national game in Victoria will attend to-morrow night's meeting.

WRESTLING.

SPENZOVS V. DAVIES.

As stated yesterday, Nick Spenzos, the Greek champion wrestler, is in the city and is preparing for the contest arranged to take place on Friday next at the Victoria theatre with T. Davies, champion of British Columbia and the Northwest. According to the conditions of the match the former must throw Davies three times in 90 minutes. Those who saw the Davies-Berg contest, in which the former proved victorious after two evenings' hard wrestling, agree that Spenzos will find that the strongest nine that Victoria has placed in the field. Chase and Ziegler will arrive here during the latter part of next month, and the first game will be played on May 7th.

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LAIRD RIVER STRIKE.

A new placer gold strike is reported on a nameless tributary of the Laird river in the northern part of this province. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says:

"The first news of the Laird strike reached Telegraph Creek by a messenger sent out from one of the Hudson's Bay Company's Laird river posts. The messenger stated that an Indian had offered for sale along with his catch of pelts a quantity of coarse gold, which he said he had taken from the nameless Laird tributary. Some days later a party of twelve left Telegraph Creek for the discovery, about 200 miles distant. They were greatly excited over the report. In this connection two brothers, McLeod by name, left Wrangell by dog team a month ago for the same locality, though their mission was not at that time known. The McLeods are sons of a Hudson's Bay agent, who years ago was stationed at the Laird post. He is supposed to have given his sons information which sent them to that remote region."

WILL SEEK NEW FIELDS.

London, March 14.—D. Healey, United States commissioner of immigration in British Columbia, interviewed regarding the policy of Canada, said many local Chinamen of prominence predicted that now the new law was in force, Chinamen in Canada would eventually disappear almost entirely, as in spite of the meagre policing of the border they will eventually find their way to the States, and the \$500 head tax will prevent more coming to Canada.

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Preparations for the tournament to take place between the Indian Chief Two Feathers and D. A. McMillan and J. Berg on Saturday, the 26th inst., at the drill hall are proceeding apace. As already announced, the conditions are that McMillan and Berg wrestle with the Indian alternately, the side obtaining the best three in five falls winning. It is understood that these wrestlers will arrive from Vancouver in a few days to commence training.

HAD TO TURN BACK.

Captain Unable to Round Cape Horn—Tempestuous Voyage.

San Francisco, March 14.—After a voyage of nearly eight months, during which her crew sustained losses of 100 men in a succession of gales, the British four-masted barque Falls of Hallade has arrived here, 235 days out from Liverpool, from which port she sailed on July 25th.

Capt. Thompson first attempted to round Cape Horn, and failing after battling with the tempestuous seas and winds, gave it up and went practically around the world the other way, via the Cape of Good Hope.

The vicinity of Cape Horn was reached on September 25th. There a succession of terrific southwest and westerly gales were encountered, which rendered it impossible to wend the ship around the Cape and into the Pacific.

One of the gales attained a hurricane velocity on October 9th and 10th, in the course of which 19 sails were blown away. After attempting to make the Falklands and the vessel had begun to leak, Capt. Thompson decided to take the eastern passage around the Cape of Good Hope.

On January 1st Poveaux Island, off the south of New Zealand, was reached, and there a stop was made for provisions and water, the supply of which was running short.

At Poveaux eight men of the crew, tired out by their duty, with the exception of the ring-leader, they turned to after the captain and his men were forced to adopt formidable measures with the ring-leader. He was ironed and confined for 38 days.

The vessel, after leaving Poveaux, made the reef across the Pacific without any unusual event in the way of mishaps. The trouble with the men quieted down, and all hands were on duty when the anchor was dropped here.

According to a decree of the convention published at Panama the monetary unit of the republic after December 31st next will be the gold dollar of the same dimensions and weight by law as the United States dollar. The silver currency now in circulation will be exchanged at the rate of \$100 in gold for \$225 in silver.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Not since the rebuilding of the city after the fire of '38 have dwelling houses for rent been so few and far between as they are at the present, and that notwithstanding the number of houses which have been built in the last year by citizens of moderate means, the merchants are expecting a good spring trade. It is understood that the British Columbia Electric Railway Company intend building during the year on the recently purchased property on Columbia, Eighth and Front streets, adjoining the present tramcar depot. The company expects to require and use both buildings.

KAMLOOPS.

W. F. Hayden, formerly agent at Agassiz, has been appointed to the Kamloops Agency of the C. P. R. in place of Mr. Goulet, who has gone to his new position in New Westminster.

Aldermen Robinson is determined that Kamloops will not suffer from any fire horrors in public buildings, and on Friday, in company with R. H. Lee, C. E., visited all the public halls and church buildings in the city to ascertain whether or not the regulations had been complied with. The result was that every one of these buildings, except the Methodist church, will require alterations to bring them into conformity with the requirements of the by-law.—Standard.

VANCOUVER.

Mr. Justice Irving refused the application in Chambers on Saturday of W. J. Bowser, K. C., for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Hatakpa, the man who is serving a six months' sentence in the jail at Nelson for resisting police constables at Fernie, when they arrested him on a charge of assault. The application came up on a former occasion, but was adjourned because of the non-production in court of a verified copy of the warrant of commitment. It appears that Hatakpa resisted the arrest on the alleged ground that he did not know that those attempting to take him into custody were police constables. At the trial he had no counsel and pleaded guilty. He alleges that he does not understand English and did not know at the time of his trial that the officers had arrested him without a warrant. His Lordship refused the application inasmuch as the prisoner did not deny resisting the officers, and, in addition, he would not go behind the plea of guilt.

Jim and Sing, who were convicted of smuggling, were sentenced on Saturday, by the police magistrate. For violation of the Inland Revenue Act, a fine of \$100 was imposed upon each, or, in default, six months in jail. For violation of the customs laws, \$100 was the fine imposed or three months in jail in default. J. A. Russell signified his intention of taking out an appeal in these cases.

ROSSLAND.

Two well known and esteemed residents of the Golden City severed their connection with the community Thursday night in the persons of Major Van Buskirk, late city engineer, and J. M. Macdonald, late accountant of the local branch of the Bank of British North America. Both gentlemen go elsewhere to assume positions of larger responsibility. A pleasant little incident occurred at the city hall on Thursday afternoon, of which Major Van Buskirk was the central figure. When he came to his office to finally close his connection with the department under his charge for the past four years, the members of the city staff gathered about him. Inspector Thomas Long pressed into his hand a jewel case containing a heavy solid gold locket suitably engraved, while the sentiments of the city employees toward their departing colleague were expressed by Magistrate Nelson in a brief address. In the morning a somewhat similar incident occurred at the Bank of British North America, when the employees of the bank gathered about Mr. Macdonald and presented him with a heavy gold locket set in diamonds and bearing his monogram.

"A significant indication of the improving conditions in the Rossland camp is the substantial increase in the payrolls of local mines since the first of the year," says Friday's Miner. "Yesterday was payday at several of the important mines, and in the case of at least two the amount thus distributed to wage-earners was the largest in two years. Moreover the increase thus developed is not brought about by any unusual conditions existing in February, during which month the wages were earned, but were simply the outcome of the employment of more men in the ordinary day to day work of the mines in question. The amount paid out to employees at the Le Roi mine yesterday aggregated \$36,000. In February the mine was closed on the usual number of Sundays and for two days during the carnival. Then the number of working days was further reduced for obvious calendar reasons. In view of these conditions the large sum distributed in wages is exceedingly gratifying. Over 400 men are now at work in the Le Roi, and no unusual operations are being conducted that would have the effect of temporarily swelling the wage roll. The sum paid out yesterday to Le Roi employees was the largest ever distributed in any one month since April, 1902. In the case of the Le Roi 2 Company the conditions are equally satisfactory. The company's wage roll distribution for February was \$13,500, which is more than was paid out in any one month in the last 18 or 20. Yesterday was pay-



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Judge Harrison Decides That the E. & N. Company's Vessels Are Not Exempt.

Yesterday the hearing of the appeal taken by the E. & N. Railway Company against the assessment of the vessels City of Nanaimo, Joan and the barge was completed. The company contended that the vessels should be exempt, inasmuch as they were part of the property of the railway company, and such assessable only under the fixed sum of \$10,000 a mile levied on the railway. It was contended by the company's attorney, W. Hills, that the Railway Assessment Act clearly provided for the exemption of property belonging to the company except at the fixed rate per mile, as specified.

PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, of Vancouver, sends the following abstract from the Official Gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending March 1st, 1904: During this week 504 patents were issued to citizens of the United States: Austria Hungary, 1; Canada, 3; Great Britain, 17; France, 5; Germany, 17; Italy, 1; Mexico, 2; Netherlands, 1; Norway, 1; Russia, 2; Sweden, 2; Switzerland, 2; and Victoria, Australia, 1.

Claude B. Wainwright, of Vancouver, has recently received a Canadian patent on an improved drop keel for boats or yachts, which has several important and novel features. The keel consists of two members slidable one within the other and so suspended within the housing in the hull of the boat and correlated to each other that when lowered they extend lengthwise beyond the limits of the casing and provide a keel of greater area than could ordinarily be provided within the same casing limits, while at the same time the keel has an ample lateral rigidity. The device in its application to a boat has for some few days been exhibited in the window of the Tourist Association rooms, Vancouver, and the extreme simplicity both of its design and operation will be apparent to practical yachtsmen and boatbuilders.

G. A. Roedde, of Vancouver, received this week a British patent on his improved loose leaf ledger.

Near the town of Triabunna, in Tasmania, oysters, some of them as large as saucers, are found, which are sold in the season at 2s. per hundred.

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"THE MOSCOW OF ASIA."

Some Facts Concerning Harbin, the New Russian Headquarters.

In the United States consular reports of the department of commerce and labor the following account of Harbin, Manchuria, is given by Henry B. Miller, United States' consul at Newchwang, China:

The city is located on the Sungari river, at the point where the Manchurian branch of the Siberian railway crosses the stream, and where the Chinese Eastern branch starts south to Dairen and Port Arthur. Its location is the geographical centre of Manchuria. The city is surrounded on all sides for hundreds of miles with rich and productive agricultural country, producing corn, wheat, oats, barley, beans, millet, hemp, tobacco, vegetables and some fruits. Minerals and timber and great areas of grazing lands also surround it. The city has been created by the Russian government, under the management of the Manchurian Railway Company. The land for many miles in each direction has been secured so as to make it impossible for any foreign influence to secure a profit or foothold close to the city, and foreigners are not recognized as having any rights whatever, but are permitted there on sufferance.

In 1900 the place began to assume importance as a centre of railway management, and in 1901 the population had grown to 12,000 Russians; in 1902, 20,000; by May, 1903, 44,000, and in October, 1903, census, showed a population of 60,000, exclusive of soldiers. Of these 400 are Japanese and 300 of all other nationalities, including Germans, Austrians, Greeks and Turks.

Our New Story

"A Secret Of the Sea"
BY MRS. C. N. WILLIAMSON.

The Times is about to commence the publication of a new serial of engrossing interest from the pen of Mrs. C. N. Williamson, whose stories have been so popular with newspaper readers. The title of the story, which will commence in these columns shortly, is "A Secret of the Sea," and it will be found exceptionally bright and attractive. The author is well known as the writer of such popular tales as "Lady Mary of the Dark House," "His Grace," "Queen Sweetheart," "Behind a Veil," "A Woman in Grey" and "The Barn Stormers."

Publication will commence in the Daily Times of Monday, March 21st, and the Twice-a-Week Times of March 22nd.

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Take notice that, pursuant to the order of the Honorable Mr. Justice, Drake made herein the 16th day of February, 1904, John Kornelius Nelson was appointed administrator of the estate of Ephraim Champoux, deceased, Interstate, late of the Hotel Metropole, in the City of Seattle, Washington, United States of America.

And take notice that all creditors of the said deceased are required on or before the 17th day of March, 1904, to send to the undersigned, post paid, particulars of their claims duly verified.

And notice is hereby given that said administrator will, after the said date, proceed to distribute the estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of creditors of whose debts or claims he shall then have received notice and that he will not be responsible for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons of whose debts or claims he shall not have received notice.

Dated February 17th, 1904.

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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quarries.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate on a claim containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding the date of the location. Placer Mining. Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square, entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims for either bar or beach, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but the former being the beach, the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may acquire, entries for bar diggings or beach claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one year from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease—each lease shall be subject to the same conditions. Rental, \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease—each lease shall be subject to the same conditions. Rental, \$100 per mile for first year, and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch or river claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, and shall not exceed 1,000 feet in width. All other placer claims shall be 200 feet square.

Claims, marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miners' certificate in the Yukon Territory.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two or more persons, they may, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims.

Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold or silver produced in the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notices and paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least \$200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Hydraulic Mining, Yukon Territory.—Locations suitable for hydraulic mining, having a frontage of from one to five miles, and a depth of one mile or more, may be leased for twenty years, provided the ground has been prospected by the applicant or his agent; is found to be unsuitable for placer mining; and does not include within its boundaries any mining claims already granted. A rental of \$100 for each mile of frontage, and royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the minerals produced must be expended annually. The lease excludes all base metals, quartz and coal, and provides for the withdrawal of unprospected land for agricultural or building purposes.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 640 acres. Should the prospecter discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactory evidence of such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well and such other land as may be determined to be necessary to the discoverer at the rate of \$1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Sept., 1903.

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PERSONAL

Mark Cuzner, formerly of this city, but more recently of Oakland, California, returned yesterday afternoon after an absence from the city of more than a year. He made the trip from California by the overland route. Mr. Cuzner intends to resume his residence here, and he says he is the advance guard of a large number of other Californians who, captivated by the charms of picturesque Victoria, will come here when the place is an Eden of flowers and sunshine. A great deal of Victoria Tourist Association literature is distributed throughout the Golden State, and may be seen in abundance in hotels, railroad stations, etc. Mr. Cuzner, it will be remembered, was prominent in basketball circles while here, having played a number of games on the J. B. A. team.

Leon Sloss, of San Francisco, prominently identified with the Northern Commercial Company, is visiting this city. He is accompanied by Mrs. Sloss and family, who are guests at the Driford. Mr. Sloss has not been to Victoria for twenty years, and is struck with the transformation of the place. He says there is no business significance in his present trip, which is entirely for pleasure. He and his family are devoting all their time here to visiting the points of interest about the city. They took in Esquimalt this morning.

Dr. B. F. Allen, of Vicksburg, Miss.; G. W. Hume, of Revelstoke, B. C.; Chas. H. Hardy, of Armstrong; and Robt. Cunningham, of Port Essington, are in the city. They are among the guests at the Dominion hotel.

J. E. James; E. J. LeMessurier and W. P. LeMessurier, all of San Francisco; Mrs. B. A. Smith and S. M. Hurd, of Ironton, Wash., are among those registered at the Victoria.

J. F. Seabrook, W. Todd, B. C. Mads, F. Landsberg, F. C. Gamble and J. H. McGregor were among the passengers from Vancouver by the steamer Charnier last evening.

B. W. Leeson, of Quatsino, is paying a business visit to the city, and is registered at the Victoria. He will leave for the West Coast this evening.

W. M. Fleming, of Seattle, is in the city. He is staying at the Driford hotel.

MILITARY MATTERS

Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles.

Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

Tuesday.

1. No. 1 section of No. 1 Company vs. No. 3 section of No. 1 Company; 2. Band practice; 3. Inspection of recruits by adjutant.

Wednesday.

1. No. 1 section of No. 3 Company vs. No. 2 section of No. 3 Company; 2. Office, 8 p. m.

Thursday.

There will be no gymnasium. Lt.-Col. Hall having kindly granted permission to the sergeants of Fifth Regiment to hold a social in the hall on that night, they will have the exclusive use of it.

Friday.

1. Gallery practice, No. 2 section of No. 4 Company vs. No. 2 section of No. 5 Company; 2. Band practice.

Saturday.

Band concert.

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PARTY TO LEAVE ON
EMPEROR OF INDIA

A Letter Received From Capt. Gillen, of Enterprise—Clallam's Wreckage Sold.

An Associated Press dispatch from New York says: "Thirty-five officers of the Japanese army, who have arrived here from Europe on different steamers in the past few days, have started in a body for Vancouver, whence on March 21st they expect to sail for Yokohama aboard the steamship Emperor of India." These are a part of the contingent which London dispatches reported last week as looking for the voyage. The route from Europe to Japan, via the Suez, is 11,787 miles, as against 10,488 miles by way of the Canadian route. A still greater difference between the two routes is to be found in the time taken on either. The all-sea voyage requires 43 days, while travelling via the C. P. R. takes but 27 days. This reduction in time is largely accountable to the speed attained on the railway.

So far shipping on the Pacific has been untroubled by Russians, although reports have been received of cruises overhauling merchantmen in the Mediterranean.

THE SKEENA SERVICE.

Steamer service on the Skeena river will commence on or about the 25th of next month. The steamer Hazelton is being made ready for business at Simpson, and it is expected that by the time she is prepared to sail for the head waters of the river a full load of freight and passengers will have been secured for her.

George Cunningham, the owner, arrived here on the Roscovitz this morning, having been the only passenger to arrive on that vessel. He reports that the Hazelton will be the first and only steamer of his line placed on the river in the beginning of the spring. There are already about a dozen passengers waiting at Simpson and Essington to leave on her, they being bound for the Quinana country to spy out for themselves.

Mr. Cunningham says that the Skeena river experienced none of the big wind storms which swept the southern part of the coast last week. The barometer fell extremely low at Port Simpson, and Capt. Warren fearing evil consequences on going out held the Roscovitz over eight in port. But no wind was felt. Coming down the coast, however, traces of the storm were seen. At the head of Johnson straits and at other places along the coast a clean sweep of all frail structures had been made. At Kitimaat the storm seemed to veer inland, and no evidences of it were found farther north. The Roscovitz brought south a small quantity of canned clams from China Hat and a consignment of furs.

LETTER FROM ENTERPRISE.

A letter has been received from W. H. Gillen, of the sealing schooner Enterprise, which left here last fall for the sealing grounds off the Falkland Islands, which conveys the first news received from that vessel since leaving. The letter was written from Juan Fernandez island, and tells of the rough voyage which the schooner had after leaving Victoria. Off the straits the sealer ran into a southeast gale, which continued with little abatement for 14 days, and which carried the vessel to a point 200 miles to the west of Cape Scott. Two sealing and fishing schooners were in port at Juan Fernandez. Capt. Gillen boarded one of these and saw five of the finest seals he ever examined. There is a small rookery on the island, but a much larger one was found 90 miles from Masafuera. One of the seals killed on this rookery last year was found to be branded. It was shipped to London and was there identified as bearing one of the notorious Dr. Jordan's brands, indicated on the animal a number of years ago in the Behring Sea. This observa-

tion is interesting, as showing how far the seals migrate during the course of the year. A German skipper in port, the letter relates, had 37 skins. He had obtained them off St. Felix and St. Am-brose islands. On Fernandez island, Capt. Gillen says, there are about 150 people residing. He was intending to make the straits of Magellan, after leaving Fernandez.

CALLED AT VICTORIA.

There was a gathering of three ocean going steamers at the outer wharves this morning. The Kosmos liner Ambrose came in from the Sound with about 700 tons of nitrate for the Victoria Chemical Works, which she brought from Iquique; the Unatilla, which had been detained on the Sound, did not get in from Seattle until early this morning, and the Cottage City, the third liner to call, arrived on her way to Alaskan ports. The Unatilla, after receiving a number of passengers, sailed for San Francisco. Among those embarking here were H. Cuthbert, wife and daughter; Mrs. M. J. Edwards, Miss F. Cook, G. R. Moore and wife, Mrs. Birch and son, Miss H. C. Young, A. G. Ross, A. Copman and C. S. Yarwood and wife. The Senator, on the San Francisco-Victoria route, arrived from the south yesterday afternoon, bringing a total of 187 passengers.

CLALLAM WRECKAGE SOLD.

W. Jones, of the City Auction Mart, under instructions from J. Newbury, acting collector of customs, sold by public auction at 11 o'clock this morning all the wreckage recovered from the lost Clallam. Two boats were sold for \$27 apiece. The Texas, which is lying ashore at Cordova Bay, was knocked down to H. Sudthagen for \$25, and the butter, mattresses and life buoys were sold to different parties. They brought about \$35 additional. As the owners of the steamer refused to have anything to do with the wreckage there will only be the salvage claims to pay out of any balance left it will go to the government. What disposition will be made of the housework of the steamer is not known. There is said to be a good captain and cable on it well worth the money paid.

THE McLEOD EXPEDITION.

Blain T. Swannell, second mate on the ill-starred gold-hunting expedition which left Halifax in charge of a former Victorian, has written a lengthy letter to the Halifax Echo, in which he replies to Capt. McLeod's account of the voyage and takes that skipper to task. Swannell says that Capt. McLeod distinctly told the company's shareholders that he had a concession on Rafea's bay. During the digging of a trench to accommodate his vessel on the beach one time he found rich deposits of gold, which he did not dare mention to his crew because they might have taken his life. The writer then related in detail the troubles on board the schooner, the failure even to find a beach in the locality mentioned for the accommodation of the schooner and the final disbanding of the expedition.

THE GLORY ASHORE.

The ship Glory of the Seas, Captain Pendergast, which arrived at San Francisco from Ladysmith late Tuesday night, was anchored too close to the beach off Black Point, and the ebbing tide left her hard and fast on the beach. Signals of distress were hoisted at daylight, and the tug Sea Rover was dispatched to the Glory's assistance. Powerful as the Rover is, the land had a grip on the ship that all the towboat's tugging could not loosen, and until high tide the Glory of the Seas was a fixture. She was floated off apparently little worse for her misadventure, but will be dry-docked for further inspection after discharging the 3,195 tons of coal with which she was loaded. The Glory of the Seas was built thirty-five years ago.

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D. G. S. Quadra came in this morning from buoy duty in the Gulf. North of Salt Spring Island she struck a log and lost a couple of blades off her propeller. The steamer was storm-bound at Nanaimo for two days.

AN ARDUOUS TRIP
THROUGH INTERIOR

(Continued from page 1.)

Ited that engineers representing apparently Eastern capitalists had been in before him locating timber and ranching tracts, and also coal measures with the object of being in early on the ground. As Fraser lake a party were wintering, the engineer in charge having gone East. This party was apparently financed by an Eastern syndicate. They were apparently seeking to locate tracts of value in anticipation of the Grand Trunk Pacific going through there. During the summer he expects that there will be a vast number of such prospecting parties sent into the country representing capital with money to spend on striking it rich by reason of getting on the line of the railway.

QUESNELLE LAKE DAM.

Arrangements Being Attempted to Allow Salmon to Pass Up for Spawning.

An effort is being made to overcome the difficulty in allowing salmon to pass the dam at the outlet to Quesnelle lake, and thus permitting of them reaching the spawning area afforded by the lake and its tributaries. G. A. Keefer, resident engineer for the Dominion Public Works Department, and C. B. Sward, Dominion fishery inspector, will likely confer with F. C. Gamble, of the provincial works department, and J. B. Babcock, provincial fisheries commissioner, in order to settle upon some plan for the prosecution of the work. Mr. Keefer is now awaiting instructions from Ottawa respecting the matter.

This has repeatedly come up since the dam was built. J. B. Babcock, the provincial fisheries commissioner, is of the opinion that Quesnelle lake and its tributaries constitute about one-quarter of the natural spawning area for the sockeye salmon in the Fraser river district. It is regarded as a specially favorable place, as no Indians come to the lake for the curing of salmon. When the dam was constructed no fishway was provided. This was remedied later on by putting in one which is considered to be entirely inadequate for the purpose, being only eleven by ten inches in its opening.

It is urged against it that the entrance to it is too far away from the race to be located by the fish. Those interested in the industry have endeavored to have this rectified, and made representations to the provincial government a few months ago. The Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Company now control the dam, and Manager Holman, of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Company, expressed himself as only too willing to cooperate in accomplishing the work. The provincial government, however, was not willing to undertake the putting in of a new fish ladder, taking the ground that the Dominion government, which collected the license, should do the work. After some negotiations between the two authorities it was agreed that the fishway should be constructed by the Dominion government, the amount expended to be kept out of the sum due the province when a final settlement of the fishery matter was made.

The representatives of the two governments met to-morrow and settle upon a scheme for providing a suitable fish ladder.

AN INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Messrs. Dugdale and Dickinson Advocate Organization of Professional Victoria Baseball Nine.

D. E. Dugdale, the Seattle baseball magnate, and M. C. Dickinson, proprietor of the Hotel Byron, of Bellingham, Wash., arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of inducing Victoria business men to undertake the organization of a professional nine to enter the proposed international league. Teams, it is intended, shall be included representing Bellingham, Everett, Vancouver and Victoria. In case the effort to have a team formed in this city should be unsuccessful, Mr. Dugdale says there are several Washington state aggregations willing to participate. This morning Messrs. Dugdale and Dickinson called at the Times and explained their purpose in detail. The former pointed out that the idea was to make the league international by including teams from two American and two Canadian cities. No commercial organizations could be wished for than one in which the cities mentioned were represented. Not only would the travelling expenses be lighter, but the mere fact that the places were so close would make the contest more exciting.

Asked how it was proposed to arrange the schedule, Mr. Dugdale stated that home and home games would be the order. Providing Victoria was selected as the last team to leave home, the Bellingham, Everett and Vancouver ones would have to play a series of probably three matches here in succession. The local nine would leave and visit each of the cities mentioned. The season would last four months. It was pointed out that Victoria already had a team, which, although not professional, generally speaking, put up a good article of ball. Mr. Dugdale, however, did not think that an amateur team playing exhibition matches throughout the season could be expected to arouse the enthusiasm of a professional nine playing for a pennant representing the championship of the Northwest. He intimated that the present local club would no doubt assist in making the organization of a league team a success if the business men expressed the desire to have the city represented.

Mr. Dugdale intimated making a thorough canvass of the city in the endeavor to secure the promise of sufficient support to commence the work of organizing a local team. He anticipates meeting with every success, and predicts that Victoria will be represented in the league, and local fans will see some first-class professional ball during the ensuing season.

The body of Nils Oleson, the Victorian who committed suicide in Vancouver early yesterday morning, will be brought here for interment this evening. The unfortunate young man was a son of Andrew Oleson, of Oaklands, and was well known and highly esteemed here. He was about 23 years of age, and was educated in the public schools.

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GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

John Redmond's Motion to Reduce Irish Education Estimates Carried—Balfour Refuses to Resign.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 14.—The government was defeated in the House of Commons this afternoon by 141 to 139 votes on a motion of John Redmond, the Irish leader, for a reduction of the Irish education estimates.

"As it was in the nature of a snap division, engineered by the Nationalists, the government refused to resign, but it was regarded as another straw showing the direction of the wind." Mr. Redmond's motion was made with the object of calling attention to Irish grievances. The division was taken almost immediately after the commencement of the discussion, when the Liberals and the Nationalists were in strong force. The result was greeted with great cheering, especially from the Irish benches.

The opposition immediately moved to report progress. Here Mr. Balfour opposed the motion. He admitted, amidst much laughter, that it was obvious the government had been defeated on a proposal to reduce a vote by \$500, but there was a considerable amount of financial business to be transacted before March 31st, and he could not see why any time should be wasted. Mr. Balfour added that the honorable member had succeeded in reducing the vote for Irish education by \$500, and the government accepted the opinion of the House on the subject.

Mr. Redmond retorted: "We have defeated the government."

It was then that Mr. Redmond moved to report progress. This was defeated by 171 to 140 votes, the government majority being 25. The government in the interim had succeeded in mustering enough ministerialists to save the situation, as in the event of a second adverse vote the ministers would have been bound to resign.

The time for receiving tenders for improvements to the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association closed to-day. The work will be commenced almost immediately. It includes some alterations in the reading and amusement rooms. In the gymnasium the installation of apparatus secured from the defunct Victoria Athletic Club will be completed.

Governor Vardaman, of Missouri, has sent to the House his veto of the bill appropriating \$22,200 for the support of the Holly Springs Normal school, a colored institution. The governor, in his veto message, takes the ground against negro education.

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